

CLAIMS

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software module installed on a computer, wherein the drawing software module is configured to access by default a local graphic library that is installed on the computer, the method comprising:

maintaining on a local-area network an enterprise graphic library that includes content transferred from a public graphic library accessible via a wide-area network to the enterprise graphic library,

wherein the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both remote from the computer, and

wherein the enterprise graphic library and the public graphic library are both separate from the local graphic library the drawing software module is configured to access by default;

maintaining on the computer the local graphic library;

configuring by a user the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library, the public graphic library, or both in addition to the local graphic library the drawing software module is configured to access by default;

receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of whether to search the local graphic library, a remote graphic library, or both;

when the user selects to search a remote graphic library,

if the drawing software module has been configured to access the enterprise graphic library, identifying one or more graphics in the enterprise graphic library that match the received search term, and

if the drawing software module has been configured to access the public graphic library, identifying one or more graphics in the public graphic library that match the received search term;
when the user selects to search the local graphic library, identifying one or more graphics in the local graphic library that match the received search term;
retrieving from the graphic libraries in which the graphics were identified metadata associated with each of the identified graphics;
displaying to the user the retrieved metadata;
receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed metadata;
retrieving the selected graphic from the graphic library in which the graphic was identified; and
inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software module.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the enterprise graphic library is a private graphic library accessible only to a defined set of users and others with authorization.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein an address for each of the graphic libraries is written into a configuration database associated with an operating system of the computer.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 wherein a wide-area network address written into the configuration database is changed to a local-area network address when the user configures the drawing software module to access the enterprise graphic library on the local-area network.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the metadata comprises a representative, abridged image of the graphic.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the selected graphic libraries is located inside a firewall of an enterprise.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein at least one of the selected graphic libraries is located at an intranet site, and wherein the identifying one or more graphics comprises generating a document associated with the identified graphics and transmitting the document to an active server page of an intranet site.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the configuring includes storing an address of each graphic library.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising changing a stored address to point to a different graphic library.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for implementing a method of inserting a graphic onto a drawing page of a drawing software program installed on a computer, wherein the drawing software module is configured to access by default a local graphic database that is installed on the computer, the method comprising:

configuring by a user the drawing software program to access remote graphic databases in addition to the local graphic database the drawing software module is configured to access by default;

receiving from the user a search term that describes a desired graphic and a selection of at least one of the graphic databases that the drawing software program has been configured to access;

identifying one or more graphics in the selected graphic databases that match

the received search term;
displaying to the user information associated with each of the identified graphics;
receiving from the user a selection of one of the identified graphics based on the displayed information;
inserting the selected graphic onto the drawing page of the drawing software program from the graphic database in which the graphic was identified.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the configuring includes setting a registry key for each of the graphic databases.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 31, further comprising changing a registry key to point to a different graphic database.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein one of the selected graphic databases is an active server page, and wherein the receiving from the user the search term comprises receiving an extensible markup language document that is sent to the active server page.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises receiving a uniform resource locator of the desired graphic, and wherein the inserting comprises downloading the desired graphic according to the uniform resource locator.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 34 wherein at least one of the graphic databases is located on a private network, and wherein the uniform resource locator locates the desired graphic on a server in the private network.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the graphic databases include a private graphic database on a local-area network and a public graphic database on a wide-area network.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30 wherein the information comprises metadata.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 37 wherein the metadata includes an abridged image of the graphic.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 37 wherein the metadata includes a textual description of the graphic.